



ACCESS GRANTED



NO ID, NO ENTRY

GET TO KNOW THE NEW INSTALLATION ACCESS CONTROL PROCEDURES

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Preregister and patience

Fort Meade is home to seven of the top nine DoD organizations defending our national interests in cyber space: The 21st-century's newest domain of human conflict and competition.

The installation is also our nation's center for information, intelligence and cyber operations, so it is easy to see why Fort Meade is on the forefront of global defense every day.

As garrison commander, my primary responsibility is to ensure the safety and security of the more than 50,000 men and women who execute these vital national security missions every day, and the 10,000 residents who live here.

Our security begins with access control at the gates. Last month I mentioned access control procedures are continuing to evolve and that we should be prepared for changes at our gate and Demps Visitor Control Center operations. Well, on April 4, those changes become a reality!

As I have stated throughout my tenure here, safety will always be my top priority.

These changes are designed to

1. Improve safety and security for our community members who live or work on the Fort Meade enclave.

2. Meet the requirements set forth by higher headquarters to align access procedures at military posts across the United States.

During our town hall last week at the Post Theater, I laid out how we have



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changed the access procedures to make Fort Meade safer.

We have also created this resource guide insert in *Soundoff!* to answer questions and provide information that will help make the changes work for each of you.

You also will have at your disposal the Fort Meade website that features several more detailed information articles designed to simplify the access control procedure changes.

I expect the changes will cause initial confusion and delays. That is why I've asked our Directorate of Emergency Services and Public Affairs Office to develop the information products mentioned above, including this insert.

My hope is that you will understand the requirements and help us through these changes by planning ahead, and preregister your guests whenever possible.

Additionally, these access control procedures are only a part in ensuring the safety of Fort Meade. Your vigilance is paramount, so "If you see something, say something."

It truly is a great time to be a part of Team Meade. We are at the forefront of building America's ability to fight and win in a complex environment.

We can only do that if we are safe and secure. I look forward to ushering in our progress together with you.

Thank you again for your continued patience.



PHOTO BY DANIEL KUCIN JR.

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley leads the discussion during a community town hall meeting held March 24 on new access control procedures for visitors to Fort Meade.

Q & A

No ID, No Entry: Get the facts about access

FORT MEADE DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Did you know, effective April 4, that all visitors, contractors and vendors entering Fort Meade without a DoD identification card will be required to pass a background check before gaining access on the installation? Find out what you need to know about Fort Meade's new access control policy.

Q I am a Gold Star ID cardholder. Can I use that ID to get on post?

A No. A Gold Star ID card is not an acceptable credential for accessing Fort Meade without a background check. You will require a background check and access pass if you do not have a valid military ID card.

A Gold Star ID can be used along with a valid Fort Meade access pass to gain access to the installation.

Q Is the Trusted Traveler Program still in place?

A Yes. The Trusted Traveler Program allows all DoD identification cardholders (DoD employees, active-duty and retired military and spouses, and family members ages 18 and older) to vouch for occupants in their immediate vehicle, provided the Trusted Traveler vehicle operator or passenger possesses a valid DoD ID card.

Under the program, a DoD ID cardholder can bring up to 12 passengers onto the installation.

Q What is a special waiver pass?

A A special waiver pass is issued to people who do not have a military ID or DoD Common Access Card and do not have an official reason for being on the installation.

A non-official reason includes: visiting the museum, going to the bowling alley or just having a look around.

Visitors wishing to enter the installation without an official reason must request a special waiver pass. Special waiver passes take at least 10 business days to process, and the request must be approved by the garrison commander. Special waiver passes are good for one day or one event.

Q If I have a military ID and want to take relatives on post, do they need to get a background check?

A If you are a military ID cardholder and relatives (mother, father, grandparents, etc.) are traveling in your vehicle (escorted), then they only need to show a photo ID such as a driver's license.

If the visit is for an extended period of time and you want your relative to travel onto, off and around the installation on their own, they must obtain a Fort Meade access pass by undergoing a background check at the Demps Visitor Control Center.

Q What if I have a live-in nanny who is authorized to reside with us in government quarters but they don't have a military ID card?

A Certain individuals will be eligible to receive long-term passes to access the installation, provided they have a clear background check and depending on the purpose and frequency of their visits.

To qualify for the Fort Meade access pass, individuals need to be sponsored by someone with an approved military ID or DoD Common Access Card.

Q If I have a military ID or DoD Common Access Card and want to bring my civilian friends on post to go bowling, do they need an access pass or just a driver's license?

A If your friends are in the same vehicle as you, then they do not need access passes. However, if they are in separate vehicles, or if you will not be escorting them the entire time they are on post, then they require both background checks and access passes from the VCC.

Q I am a volunteer who frequently works on Fort Meade. Do I need to get an access pass every time I come to the post?

A Volunteers are eligible for long-term passes to access the installation. The authorized sponsoring organization will have to sponsor you.

For the complete list of FAQs, visit www.ftmeade.army.mil/faqs/des/des.html#faq-1

New policy mandates access changes

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS FRANK INMAN
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Beginning Monday, visitors to Fort Meade who do not have a DoD identification card, must be vetted and credentialed before gaining unescorted access to the installation.

"The number one priority is the safety and security of the installation," said Lt. Col Jeffrey E. Winegar, provost marshal and director of Fort Meade's Directorate of Emergency Services. "Actions taken are for that reason."

Fort George G. Meade Policy Memorandum No. 70, which supplements Army Regulation 190-13 and Army Directive 2014-05, goes into full effect April 4.

"This is nothing new or extreme," Winegar said. "We're coming into full compliance with Army policy."

The new policy requires all non-DoD ID cardholders age 18 and older to be vetted.

"Vetted means we have confirmed the cardholder's identity, we have determined that their request to access the installation is valid and that we have checked them at a minimum against the Interstate Identification Index (III), which is accessed through the Criminal Justice Information System," Winegar said.

All non-DoD ID cardholders must report to the Demps Visitor Control Center, located near the Reece Road gate, to complete a background check and be issued an installation access badge.

The visitor must present a valid, state



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All unescorted non-DoD ID cardholders must report to the Demps Visitor Control Center, located near the Reece Road gate, to complete a background check and be issued an installation access badge.

driver's license or state identification card with photo or a valid passport from other countries cleared by the State Department to request access to Army installations.

"The process is entirely dependent on the applicant themselves," Winegar said. "The goal is, once you sit in front of a VCC staff member [the process is] complete 15 minutes later."

If an unfavorable background check is returned, the visitor will be denied access to the installation.

Access also will be denied if security personnel cannot verify the individual's

claimed identity.

Those who have not been vetted must be escorted while on the installation by a DoD ID cardholder.

If a visitor or guest of a resident is not DoD-affiliated, the sponsor will notify the VCC in writing at least 10 business days in advance of the scheduled visit and provide visitor information that includes: name, driver's license number, vehicle description, and reason and duration of visit.

To access Policy No. 70, go to www.ftmeade.army.mil/policies/POL-ICY070.pdf.

ACCESS DENIED

Access will be denied if the background check reveals that the individual:

- Is barred entry or access to any federal installation or facility

- Is a registered sex offender.

- Has any active warrants, no matter how old

- Has known terrorist associations at any time or has attempted to overthrow the government

- Was convicted of espionage, sabotage, treason, murder, criminal homicide, manslaughter or negligent homicide, no matter how long ago

- Has any felony firearms or explosive violation, no matter how long ago

- Has been charged with kidnapping, hostage taking, human trafficking, human smuggling or conspiracy to commit such an offense, no matter how long ago

- Was convicted of sexual assault, armed robbery, rape, child molestation, possessing or distributing child pornography, drug possession with intent to sell or distribute, or conspiracy to commit any of these offenses, no matter how long ago

- Has been charged with armed robbery or conspiracy to commit, no matter how long ago

- Has been charged with child abuse with serious bodily injury, no matter how long ago

- Has been charged with any felony, or conspiracy to commit a felony, within the last 10 years

For the full list, see Question 10 in the Frequently Asked Questions at www.ftmeade.army.mil/faqs/des/des.html#faq-1.

Fort Meade Gate Hours

Demps Visitor Control Center NEW Hours
7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday - Friday

Gate 1: Rockenbach Road
5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday - Friday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends, closed holidays

Gate 3: Reece Road & Md. Route 175
Demps Visitor Control Center Gate & Inspection Station (24-hour access)

Gate 4: Mapes Road & Md. Route 175
6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday - Friday
Closed on weekends and holidays

Gate 5: Llewellyn Avenue and Md. Route 175
Closed until further notice

Gate 6: Pepper Road & Md. Route 32
Open for construction vehicle traffic from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday - Friday
Privately owned vehicles are not permitted entry at this gate
Authorized/Registered users may enter and exit via the bicycle gate
Pedestrian traffic is not allowed on the road

Gate 7: Mapes Road & Md. Route 32
5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday - Friday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends and holidays

Driver's licenses from 5 states not compliant with REAL ID Act

FORT MEADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Visitors using a driver's license or identification card issued from Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Washington State or American Samoa, must present two additional approved forms of identification in order to enter Fort Meade and all other military installations.

The REAL ID Act of 2005 established minimum standards for the production and issuance of state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. Minimum requirements include a photograph and such information as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color and address.

Visitors to Fort Meade who do not have a state-issued ID that complies with the legislation must present two other forms of approved identification, or they will not be allowed to enter the installation without an escort.

Twenty-three states are pursuing compliance for their ID card programs and have an extended compliance deadline of Oct. 10, 2016.

This new requirement does not affect those with valid DoD-issued ID cards.

All people requesting unescorted access will continue to be vetted through the National Crime Information Center prior to being issued a locally produced ID or pass.

The REAL ID Act is a coordinated effort by the states and the federal government to improve the reliability and accuracy of state-issued identification documents, which are designed to inhibit terrorists' ability to evade detection by using fraudulent identification.

The law, which implements a 9/11 Commission recommendation urging the federal government to "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses," is designed to impose much stricter measures on how people can obtain a driver's license or ID card, and sets more thorough standards as to what will be displayed on them.

"We began talking about the new ID restrictions last year," said George Cartagena, supervisor of the Demps Visitor Control Center. "Hopefully, individuals

with IDs from non-compliant states already know they need additional forms of identification and are ready to comply with the Homeland Security Directives and the REAL ID Act of 2005."

The REAL ID Act covers 56 jurisdictions including the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

New York and Minnesota have issued some IDs that are enhanced to the required standards. Minnesota-enhanced IDs are indicated with a gold star. New York IDs are indicated by the word "enhanced" across the top. Visitors from these states without enhanced IDs will not be allowed access to the installation without two additional approved forms of ID.

To check if your state-issued ID is compliant with the legislation, go to the Homeland Security website at www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief.

Editor's note: For more information on installation entry procedures, call the Demps Visitor Control Center at 301-677-1064 or 301-677-1065.



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS FRANK INMAN

Visitors to Fort Meade who do not have a state-issued ID that complies with the REAL ID Act of 2005 must present another approved photo ID with their DoD-access badge, or they will not be allowed onto the installation without an escort.

List of Approved ID

Must have at least one Primary Identity Source Document

- U.S. passport or U.S. passport card
- Permanent Resident Card/Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
- Driver's license or ID card issued by federal or local government agencies meeting REAL ID standards with photo, name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color and address
- U.S. military card
- U.S. military dependent/spouse ID card
- Personal Identity Verification

Secondary Identity Source Document:

- U.S. Social Security card issued by the Social Security Administration
- Original or copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county or municipal authority, possession or outlying possession of the U.S. bearing an official seal

- ID card issued by a federal, state or local government agency or entity, provided card contains photo
- Voter Registration Card
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- Certificate of U.S. citizenship
- Certificate of naturalization
- U.S. Citizen ID Card
- ID Card for Use of Resident Citizen of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State
- Temporary Resident Card
- Employment authorization card
- Re-entry Permit Form
- Employment authorization document issued by Department of Homeland Security
- Employment authorization document issued by DHS with photograph
- Foreign ID with photograph
- Driver's license issued by a Canadian government entity
- Native American tribal document

Trusted Traveler Program reduces wait time at gate



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The Trusted Traveler Program allows DoD identification cardholders ages 18 and older to vouch for up to 12 people in their vehicle.

FORT MEADE DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Following Army guidance and joining the ranks of other Army installations, the Fort Meade Directorate of Emergency Services implemented in 2012 the Trusted Traveler Program at all gates, except for the National Security Agency.

This program is intended to reduce wait times during the identification process and increase traffic throughout the gates.

According to AR 190-13, the Army Physical Security Program, Common Access Cardholders, military retirees and military family members have an inherent purpose and are authorized access to Army installations.

The Trusted Traveler Program allows DoD identification cardholders (DoD employees, active-duty and retired service members and their spouses) to sponsor up to 12 passengers in their vehicle without having to go through the inspection station.

Passengers ages 18 and older do not need a DoD ID card to enter under the Trusted Traveler Program, but guards

may still request to see their identification. Individuals with a Fort Meade Access Badge, such as contractors and DoD civilian spouses, cannot bring individuals on post using the Trusted Traveler Program.

This program is intended to

- Expedite access to Fort Meade
- Mitigate traffic congestion on adjoining state highways
- Provide flexibility for trusted travelers to sponsor family members and guests

At no point will the safety and security of Fort Meade be compromised by this change. The DES will continue to execute programs that monitor and take aggressive action against possible illegal activities.

A key factor of any program is active community involvement. Everyone is encouraged to participate in Fort Meade's iWatch program at 301-677-2619 and call the Fort Meade Police immediately at 301-677-6622 if they observe suspicious activity.

Editor's note: For more information on the Trusted Traveler Program, call the DES Physical Security Office at 301-677-6618.

You're Invited: Access Control Procedures for events on post

From birthday and graduation parties to book club meetings and promotion ceremonies, small functions can continue to be hosted on post by Fort Meade residents who are DoD ID cardholders. Here's what you need to know about the new installation access procedures if you are planning to sponsor your next function on post.

- Event sponsor must be a DoD ID cardholder.
- Access requests for private events must be submitted directly by the DoD ID cardholder hosting the event to the Demps Visitor Control Center.
- Request must include a list of invited

guests and the following:

- Type of event
 - Date & time
 - Location
 - Point of contact's name
 - Phone number
 - Total number of guests
 - Alphabetized list of guests' names (last, first, middle initial)
 - Guest list must be submitted in an Excel spreadsheet format.
 - Guests will be subject to an identification check and verification.
 - Submit the list directly to the VCC at least 10 business days prior to the event.
- For more information, call the VCC at 301-677-1064 or 301-677-1065.



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VCC increases hours, updates systems for post access

BY ALAN H. FEILER
Staff Writer

Same services, expanded hours.

That's basically what it all comes down to as far as how the Demps Visitor Control Center will operate when Fort Meade changes access procedures on April 4, said George L. Cartagena, VCC supervisor.

"This is a good thing that will really help the community," he said. "It provides people who work at the Pentagon or anywhere else off post with the opportunity to visit us. It gives them a bigger window to come here."

Dedicated in memory of Col. Roderick G. Demps, who served as Fort Meade's director of the Directorate of Emergency Services from 2002-2003, the VCC is located at 902 Reece Road (Reece Road gate).

Beginning Monday, the VCC will operate Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Previously, the facility was only open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The VCC will now conduct on-the-spot Automated Installation Entry and National Crime Information Center background checks, Cartagena said. These changes comply with Army Regulation 190-13 regarding the physical security and management of military installations, particularly in regard to access control.

The VCC's computer system has been updated and overhauled, and four new personnel members have been hired and/or recruited to work at the facility. The new employees will help conduct the background checks and expedite the visitor vetting process.

"We needed to tighten up and make sure everything is being enforced, and



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Beginning April 4, the Demps Visitor Control Center will be open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

now we have the manpower and facilities to do it," Cartagena said. "If a visitor has a criminal history, the system will let us know. It will ping us and let us know there's something to look for."

The VCC services more than 30,000 visitors annually, most coming from Maryland, the four contiguous states and Washington, D.C. The facility currently has a staff of four security assistants, two borrowed service members and two staffers.

Cartagena noted that as a result of the Real ID Act of 2005, driver's licenses and/or identification from Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Washington State and American Samoa will not be provided access to the installation without an additional form of ID such as a current U.S. passport or birth certificate.

"If you're from a [noncompliant] state, the DoD agency can send someone with a [Common Access Card] and they take responsibility for you," Cartagena said.

Frequent visitors to the post are encouraged to preregister at the VCC for a long-term pass.

All forms of identification must be valid, Cartagena said, and the system will authenticate and cross-check forms

of ID to ensure that visitors are who they claim to be.

"We have to verify as much as possible," Cartagena said. "A lot of people try to get away with stuff. I'm hoping that some of these people will be vetted first [by the agency or personnel they are visiting] before sending them to us."

During the hours when the VCC is closed, Cartagena said, visitors will be required to go to the Reece Road inspection station. There, a guard will contact the visitor's sponsor and verify the visitor is expected and request the sponsor come to the gate to escort the guest onto the post.

The visitor will still be subjected to identity and criminal background checks. New scanners at the gates will now help expedite that process, Cartagena said.

All privately owned vehicles can be subjected to 100 percent identification checks and/or inspection by security personnel. All vehicles allowed on post must be registered and insured according to state and local laws.

"Our goal is to have longer hours, simplify things for people and enhance the security of the installation," Cartage-

na said. "It's just an expansion of our customer service. Our policies are pretty much the same, just a bigger time frame."

Lt. Col. Jeffrey E. Winegar, provost marshal and director of DES, said the new regulations for gaining access on post bring Fort Meade in line with military installations and access control policy across the country.

"This is nothing extreme or new," he said. "We just have not been in full compliance of the Army policy. We've been slowly implementing the greater compliance. The requirement has been out there for years, but we didn't have the resources to comply. Now, it's time."

"You can't just come on the installation if you want to see Burba Lake," Winegar said. "If you just show up on a weekend or are not pre-vetted and don't have a DoD escort, you're just not getting on the installation."

"Non-vetted, non-escorted, no access. We're keeping out the bad guys. That's our purpose in life, to stop those guys."

Editor's note: For more information about visiting Fort Meade, call the VCC at 301-677-1064 or go to www.ftmeade.army.mil/directorates/des/vcc/vcc.html.

What you need when you visit the VCC

When coming to the Visitor Control Center, visitors must have:

- A sponsor OR a valid reason for gaining access to the post
- A valid, state-issued Real ID Act-compliant photo ID
- A second form of ID compliant with the Real ID Act (See Page 4)

*One ID must be the original.

Preregister: Plan ahead, save time, get vetted

BY LISA R. RHODES
Staff Writer

Whether you plan to visit an uncle who resides on the installation or attend the next PTA meeting on post, it is beneficial to preregister for a temporary access pass.

Guests can preregister for a one-day pass, a short-term pass of up to 30 days or a long-term pass of up to one year.

As of April 4, all visitors must have an official or valid reason to come on post such as work, meeting a resident or attending a public event.

Touring the Fort Meade Museum, eating in the food court at the Exchange or taking in the scenery at Burba Lake are no longer considered valid reasons for visitors to gain unescorted access to the installation.

However, visitors who do not have an official or valid reason to be on post and lack a DoD-issued identification can request a special waiver pass at the Demps Visitor Control Center at least 10 business days prior to their planned visit.

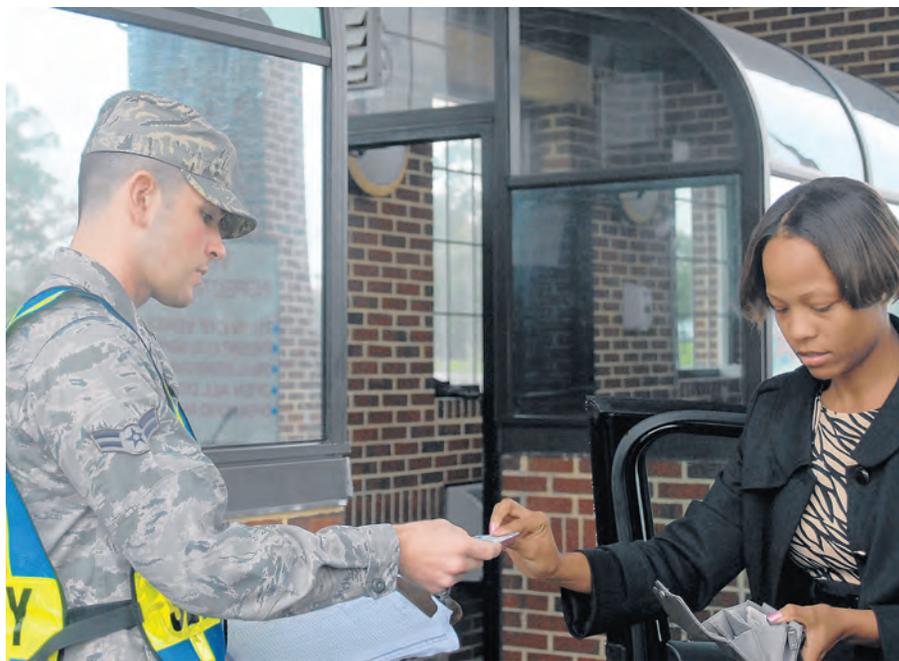
By preregistering, guests cut out the wait time to obtain a pass at the VCC on the day of their visit or scheduled event.

George Cartagena, supervisor of the VCC, said the time it takes to get on post could be “unpredictable” during the upcoming weeks and recommends that visitors preregister for passes to expedite the process.

The VCC will have a process in which individuals with a badge waiting for them will receive priority service.

“If you have preregistered and you’re in line [at the VCC] and there are many people in line ahead of you, you don’t have to wait [as long],” he said.

In order to preregister, a visitor must have a qualified sponsor: a service member with a military ID, a military spouse with a military ID, a DoD employee with a



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Residents must request access passes for their guests to attend private functions such as a graduation party or bridal shower. Sponsors should submit requests directly to the Demps Visitor Control Center at least 10 business days prior to the event. If approved, vetted guests will pick up their pass either at the VCC or, if the VCC is closed, at the inspection station. All guests’ vehicles will be inspected prior to entering the installation.

Common Access Card, or Corvias Military Living residents with a valid resident badge. Visitors and their sponsor must preregister at the VCC at least 10 business days prior to the day of the visit.

Alternatively, sponsors can bring their guests’ information to the VCC in advance of their visit to begin the vetting process. The sponsor will be notified when the pass is ready. Guests can then pick up their pass at the VCC.

Military dependent children and con-

tractors cannot sponsor visitors.

At the VCC, visitors must present two forms of identification that are in compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005. That can include a valid, state-issued photo ID or driver’s license and a Social Security card. Only one of the IDs has to be an original; the other can be a copy.

Visitors who do not have a REAL ID Act compliant driver’s license (licenses issued by Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Washington State or American

Samoa) must present additional identification such as a valid U.S. passport and Social Security card.

The VCC will conduct a National Crime Information Center-Interstate Identification Index background check, which includes a complete criminal history within the last 10 years from the date of conviction.

To be given a pass, visitors must have a favorable NCIC-III background check.

When a favorable NCIC-III background check is completed, the VCC will notify the sponsor that the visitor is approved and can pick up the pass at the VCC. The sponsor does not have to be present when the visitor picks up the pass at the VCC.

If negative information is discovered during the NCIC-III background check, the visitor will be denied a pass.

“No one gains access unless they are vetted and credentialed,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey E. Winegar, provost marshal and director of the Directorate of Emergency Services. “If you’ve been vetted, have a proper clearance and meet the proper requirements, you can gain access.”

A visitor who is denied access can apply for an access request waiver at the VCC. The VCC will provide the visitor with an Access Control Waiver Process Letter that provides instructions for obtaining a waiver. The visitor is responsible for meeting the requirements of the waiver.

The visitor’s sponsor can help the visitor through the process. Visitors should allow at least 10 business days for the waiver process to be completed.

Garrison Commander Col. Brian P. Foley will review all waiver requests and decide whether to grant a waiver.

The VCC notifies applicants about their waiver status. If a waiver is denied, the visitor will not gain access to the installation.

ACCESS GRANTED: How to preregister your guests in advance

BY GANESA R. ROBINSON
Editor

Now that your guests are confirmed, it’s time to prepare for their access. If your guests are not present, you can provide the information in their absence. Here’s what you can do to get started:

Step 1: Gather the required personal identification information from your guests. You will need their full name, date of birth and Social Security number or driver’s license number. Addition-

ally, you need the information from their valid, state-issued photo ID AND Social Security card or other authorized forms of ID listed in the REAL ID Act.

Step 2: Go into the Demps Visitor Control Center to request a Fort Meade visitor access pass.

Step 3: Complete the request for visitor access form. You will be required to show your DoD-issued ID, as their sponsor, and provide the full name, date of birth and Social Security number of your visiting guest(s) for the background check.

Step 4: VCC personnel will process the visitor access pass form.

Step 5: The sponsor will be notified by the VCC that the access passes are ready for pick up. Then, the sponsor will notify their guest(s) to inform them to pick up the passes at the VCC.

Step 6: The visitor(s) will go into the VCC with their personal identification information (state-issued photo ID and Social Security card) to validate their identity to pick up their access passes.



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Pull up close enough to the curb to access the AIE machine.



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Effective April 4, if you don't have a Department of Defense-issued Common Access Card or family member ID, you must go to the Demps Visitor Control Center.

In the cards: Fort Meade implements Automated Installation Entry system

BY GANESA R. ROBINSON
Editor

If you have visited Fort Meade recently, you may have noticed changes to the process for accessing the installation.

As part of the Department of Defense's enhanced access control procedures, the Fort Meade Directorate of Emergency Services has begun implementing the new Automated Installation Entry system at the gates.

The AIE security system will officially activate April 4 at Fort Meade gates, requiring DoD Common Access Cards or family member identification cardholders to swipe or scan their ID card in order to gain entrance to the

installation.

The purpose of the new system is to increase security for service members and their families, DoD civilians, federal retirees, contractors and guests of the installation by electronically validating an individual's identification.

Gate guards will continue manning the access control points.

For more information on Fort Meade's access control procedures, call the DES Physical Security Office at 301-677-6618.

Editor's note: For more information on Fort Meade's new access control procedures, stay tuned to Meade TV, and Fort Meade's Facebook page and website for further updates.

Delays at the gate may be avoided by following a few simple tips:

- Be alert while waiting in line.
- Proceed to the AIE machine after the vehicle in front of you has entered.
- Pull up close enough to the curb to access the AIE machine.
- Do not wait for the arm to completely lower before using the AIE system.
- Properly swipe or scan your CAC or family member ID using the barcode.
- Allow five to 10 seconds for the barcode scan to complete.
- Ensure all passengers in the vehicle possess a valid photo ID.
- No ID, no entry.